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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Welzow AirfieldEVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED

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8 June 1953

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1. On 11 April 1953, source observed for the first time a semi-underground building with a gable roof, about 40 meters long, 15 meters wide and 2 meters above the ground and an entrance at its front side, in the northern section of Welzow airfield where previously four concrete mixing machines had been seen.¹

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2. About noon on 6 May, 20 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes were parked along the taxiway east of the runway. The planes apparently had a tactical symbol on the upper edge of their rudder assemblies.²
3. Two concrete mixers and a crane were observed on the eastern edge of the field near the spur track. Source did not observe any new constructions from the west side of the field, although the red bricks, previously seen, had disappeared and were replaced by a large quantity of white bricks.
4. A barbed-wire fence with wooden poles, about 3 meters apart, started in the south about 200 meters north of triangulation point 109.7, which is about 1 km north of Rosendorf, and extended almost exactly to the east as far as a point northeast of Lieske. Along the western border of the field, the fence extended along the Rosendorf-Lindenfeld road. Lindenfeld was occupied by civilians.³
5. A well camouflaged AA gun emplacement was located just south of the Bahnsdorf-Petershain railroad line. A sentry patrolled the emplacement in which 6 gun barrels were indistinctly observed.⁴
6. A radio installation with one mast and a radar set, probably of type SCR-602, were observed south of the area which was recently surrounded by a double fence, in the northern corner of the field. The radio installation with one mast, previously observed in the extension of the runway at the entrance to Neu-Welzow was recently moved to a place near triangulation point 120.5, south of the northern railroad line. There was a radio truck on blocks with a small ladder leading up to its door. Nearby there was a high tension line from which a thick rubber cable extended to the radio installation. There was a telephone connection to the field. Two soldiers with headphones were observed in the radio truck which was guarded by a soldier armed with a pistol. An antenna system, probably a radar set with ears, was observed above the trees south of the main entrance to the field.⁵

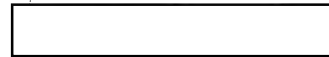
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


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1.  Comment. The purpose of this newly erected building is not known.

2.  Comment. Welzow airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment. The reported number of Il-28s at the field agrees with the assumed aircraft strength of the regiment.

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3.  Comment. For course of fence around the field, see Map GSGS 4414, sheet 4450.

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